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HELP!
GIVEN! BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!
WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!
UH-OH!
HEY! TURN THAT GAL LOOSE!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! THAT DAVY CRICKET IS ROUGH ON INJUNS!
THANKS FOR SAVING ME FROM THOSE BULLIES, DAVY! WANT TO SEE MY CAMP?
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in 'SNAKE EYES'

THE INNOCENT ARE NOT ALWAYS THE BEST CITIZENS BUT THEY MUST BE DEFENDED. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAS A DUTY TO SEE JUSTICE DONE REGARDLESS OF WHOM HE DEFENDS!

WE HAVE YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS, BAREFOOT, SO ADMIT YOU KILLED JAMES BARR AND SWIPED HIS SHOES!

I TELL YOU I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT THESE SHOES! WHEN I WOKE UP ON THE PARK BENCH I WAS WEARIN' THEM -- I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY GOT THERE!

WHEN A SKID-ROW CHARACTER NAMED 'BAREFOOT' CHUCK REED SHOWS UP ON A PARK BENCH WEARING $76 SHOES THE POLICE ARE BOUND TO ASK QUESTIONS -- ESPECIALLY IF THE SHOES BELONGED TO THE MURDERED SOCIALITE, JAMES BARR...

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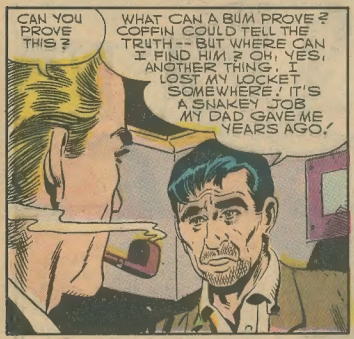
THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT! ON YOUR FEET! WE'LL BOOK YOU NOW... FOR MURDER!

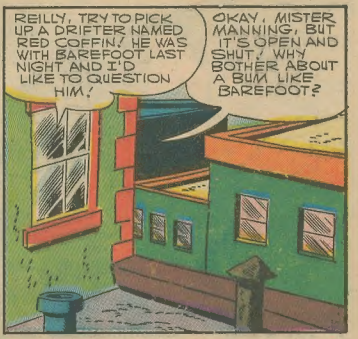
YOU CAN'T DO THAT! I DIDN'T DO IT! I WANT TO SEE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER!

MR. MANNING, HE WANTED YOU HERE -- BUT IT'S AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE! HE KNOCKED OFF MR. BARR, DISPOSED OF ALL HIS CLOTHES BUT HUNG ON TO THE SHOES!

IT MAY BE SO -- BUT SOME THING'S PUZZLE ME! I'D LIKE TO TALK TO BAREFOOT PRIVATELY!

NOW TELL ME AGAIN WHAT YOU DID LAST NIGHT AND WHOM YOU WERE WITH!
LIKE I SAID, MR. MANNING, I HOOKED UP WITH RED COFFIN--A GUY I KNOW IN SKID ROW! HE HAD LOTS OF DOUGH AND WE WENT ON A SPREE! GUESS I GOT PRETTY HIGH, SO I FELL ASLEEP ON THE PARK BENCH! NEXT I KNEW, A COP WAS SHAKIN' ME AN' ASKIN' ME WHERE I GOT THE SHOES! HONEST, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM!


CAN YOU PROVE THIS?
WHAT CAN A BUM PROVE? COFFIN COULD TELL THE TRUTH--BUT WHERE CAN I FIND HIM? OH, YES, ANOTHER THING, I LOST MY LOCKET SOMEWHERE! IT'S A SNAKEY JOB MY DAD GAVE ME YEARS AGO!


REILLY, TRY TO PICK UP A DRIFTER NAMED RED COFFIN! HE WAS WITH BAREFOOT LAST NIGHT AND I'D LIKE TO QUESTION HIM!
OKAY, MISTER MANNING, BUT IT'S OPEN AND SHUT! WHY BOTHER ABOUT A BUM LIKE BAREFOOT?

THE WORST OF US MUST BE GIVEN EVERY CHANCE TO PROVE INNOCENCE, REILLY--AND I DON'T THINK IT'S OPEN AND SHUT! ALL OF BARR'S EFFECTS ARE MISSING EXCEPT HIS SHOES! WHERE DID BAREFOOT GET RID OF THE OTHER CLOTHES? WHERE'S ALL THE MONEY BARR WAS CARRYING? MAYBE RED HAS SOME ANSWERS!

BAREFOOT, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO FIND RED! IF YOU NEED ME THEY'LL CONTACT ME!
THANKS, MR. MANNING! I SURE HOPE YOU CAN HELP!

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SPURRED ON BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE POLICE DRAGNET WENT INTO ACTION..
YOU RED COFFIN?
YEAH, WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
THEY WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS DOWN AT HEADQUARTERS! COME ALONG!
I'LL GO-- BUT I DIDN'T DO NOTHIN'!
MR. MANNING? WE'VE GOT RED COFFIN! CAN YOU COME DOWN TO QUESTION HIM? GOOD!
WHERE'S COFFIN, SERGEANT?
I'LL TAKE HIM TO YOU, MR. MANNING!
THAT'S AN ODD LOCKET YOU HAVE, RED-- WHERE'D YOU GET IT?
I GOT IT A LONG TIME AGO. IT'S A GOOD LUCK CHARM!
DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN?
SURE, I KNOW BAREFOOT! WE MADE THE ROUNDS TOGETHER NIGHT BEFORE LAST! HE FELL ASLEEP IN THE PARK LAST I SAW!

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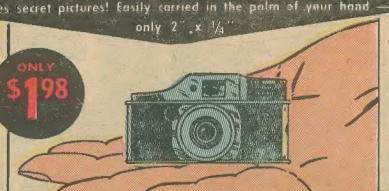

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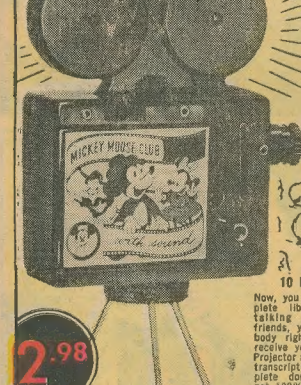

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THERE IT IS--MY LOCKET! THIS CROOK SWIPED IT!
HE'S NUTS! HE'S BEEN ASKIN' ME FOR IT FOR YEARS!
CAN YOU PROVE IT'S YOURS, COFFIN?
PROVE IT? WHY SHOULD I? THAT BUM SHOULD PROVE IT AIN'T MINE!
I TELL YA IT'S MINE... I SHOULD KNOW!
ARE YOU SURE?
RED, OPEN THAT LOCKET FOR ME! I WANT TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE!
THIS DON'T OPEN! IT'S ALL ONE PIECE!
GIVE ME THE LOCKET! I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF!
ALL RIGHT--BUT I TELL YOU THAT STEW BUM'S NUTS!
SEE, RED! IT DOES OPEN!
I TOLD YOU--IT'S MINE!

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ALL RIGHT, RED! YOU'RE IN TROUBLE NOW! TELL US THE WHOLE STORY!
OKAY, OKAY--SO I SWIPED HIS LOCKET! I'LL TAKE A PETTY LARCENY RAP!
NOT SO FAST, RED! WE'RE INTERESTED IN A MURDER-- AND A PAIR OF SHOES THAT TURNED UP ON BAREFOOT'S FEET WHILE HE WAS ASLEEP! BETTER START TALKING!
ALL RIGHT-- BUT I DIDN'T MEAN NUTHIN'! I JUST TRIED TO GET HIS DOUGH-- BUT WHEN I HIT HIM HE CONKED OUT! I STACHED AWAY HIS CLOTHES BUT KEPT HIS SHOES TILL BARE-FOOT PASSED OUT THEN I PUT 'EM ON HIM FIGURIN' HE'D BE BLAMED FOR THE KILLIN'!
OKAY, COFFIN! THE POLICE WILL TAKE DOWN YOUR CONFESSION! YOU'RE LUCKY, BAREFOOT!
THANKS, MR. MANNING! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!
HOW'D YOU KNOW THE LOCKET OPENED?
BAREFOOT TOLD ME THAT IF I TWISTED THE SNAKE EYE IT WOULD OPEN! SINCE HE KNEW, AND COFFIN DIDN'T, I WAS SURE IT WAS BARE-FOOT'S!
SINCE RED LIED ABOUT THE LOCKET, I KNEW HE WAS HIDING SOME-THING ELSE! IT'S MY JOB TO DEFEND THE INNOCENT--NO MATTER WHO OR WHAT THEY MAY BE!
END

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in THE KEY TO THE CRIME

THE ROBBERY OF THE DIAMOND FOOD MART OFFICES INVOLVED THE THEFT OF $20,000 -- BUT IT ALSO INVOLVED THE FREEDOM AND REPUTATION OF THE ACCUSED, JOHN WELLS! THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAD A STRONG CASE -- UNTIL RICHARD MANNING, PUBLIC DEFENDER, WAS ASKED TO DEFEND HIM! THE ROBBERY ITSELF OCCURRED ON THE THIRD OF JULY, 1955---

THE BURGLAR GOT AWAY--- BUT THE POLICE SWIFTLY BEGAN THE WEB THAT ENMESHED JOHN WELLS----

WHERE WAS I, TONIGHT? I WALKED DOWNTOWN AND WENT TO A MOVIE! I'VE GOT THE TICKET STUB TO PROVE IT!
THAT ALIBI WON'T WORK, WELLS! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

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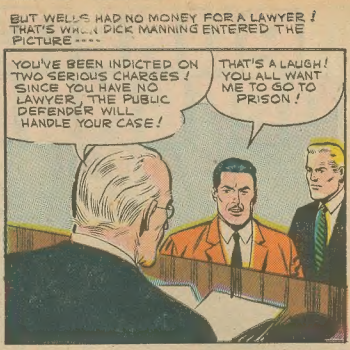
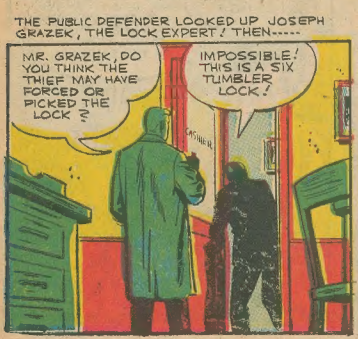

BUT WELLS HAD NO MONEY FOR A LAWYER! THAT'S WHEN DICK MANNING ENTERED THE PICTURE----
YOU'VE BEEN INDICTED ON TWO SERIOUS CHARGES! SINCE YOU HAVE NO LAWYER, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WILL HANDLE YOUR CASE!
THAT'S A LAUGH! YOU ALL WANT ME TO GO TO PRISON!

WELLS WAS SUSPICIOUS AT FIRST----
I BELIEVE YOU, JOHN. TRY TO REMEMBER--- WHO ELSE COULD KNOW THE SAFE COMBINATION?
NO ONE! WHEN THE LOCKSMITH CHANGED IT AFTER I GOT THE JOB, HE ONLY GAVE IT TO ME!


THE PUBLIC DEFENDER LOOKED UP JOSEPH GRAZEK, THE LOCK EXPERT! THEN-----
MR. GRAZEK, DO YOU THINK THE THIEF MAY HAVE FORCED OR PICKED THE LOCK?
IMPOSSIBLE! THIS IS A SIX TUMBLER LOCK!

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ALL THIS TALK MAKES ME THIRSTY! THIS WATER IS FINE!
I THINK I'LL TRY SOME! I DIDN'T SEE IT THERE BEFORE!
GOOD, ISN'T IT? THIS SAVES A LOT OF TIME, THE OTHER ONE IN THE OUTER OFFICE WASTED TIME UNTIL THIS CAME IN A WEEK AGO!
I GUESS IT---- A WEEK AGO? HMM---
MANNING HAD LITTLE BASIS FOR A DEFENSE CASE--- BUT HE KEPT WORKING!
WELLS IS GUILTY, DICK! WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP?
IT'S TOO PAT, CHARLIE! LOOK, YOU HAVE RECORDS OF OTHER SIMILAR CRIMES BEFORE WELLS EVEN CAME TO THIS CITY! UNSOLVED, TOO!
I KNOW WELLS IS INNOCENT--BUT TO PROVE IT, I HAVE TO FIND THE MAN WHO'S GUILTY! I'LL TALK TO GRAZEK AGAIN!
I TOLD YOU WHAT I KNEW! NOW LEAVE, PLEASE! I HAVE WORK TO DO!
ALL RIGHT, GRAZEK! JUST REMEMBER, A MAN'S FUTURE IS AT STAKE!
I HOPE YOU CLEAR JOHN, MR. MANNING! HE--HE AND I WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED!
IF THIS WHITE STUFF IS WHAT I THINK IT IS IN THE KEYHOLE, YOU'LL GET MARRIED ON SCHEDULE!

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MANNING TOOK THE WHITISH PASTE TO GRAZEK!
LOOK, MANNING, I'M A BUSY MAN! I SAW THE STUFF NEAR THE LOCK! IT'S THE POWDER THEY USE TO SHINE THE BRASS WITH! NOW, GET OUT!
LATER THAT NIGHT---
YOU TOOK LONG ENOUGH, ANTON! YOU KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO DO!
RELAX, JOSEF! SINCE MANNING'S BEEN AROUND, YOU'RE LOSING YOUR NERVE!
FRIEND GRAZEK IS NOT THE ONLY LOCKSMITH IN TOWN--AND I'M JUST CURIOUS ENOUGH ABOUT HIM TO DO A LITTLE BURGLARY OF MY OWN!
HMMM! I THINK A SAMPLE OF THIS WILL MATCH THE DRIED PASTE FROM THE OFFICE DOOR! WE'LL TRY ANYWAY!
RICHARD MANNING TOOK ANOTHER LOOK AROUND, RELOCKED THE DOOR AND LEFT! UNNOTICED, HE THOUGHT----
MAKE SURE HE'S OUT!
AND THEN WE WILL EMPTY HIS POCKETS!
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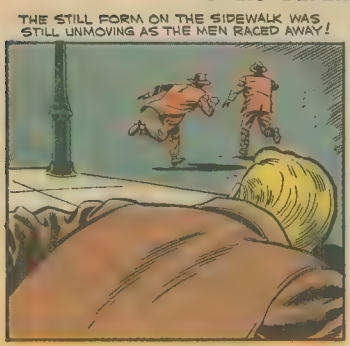
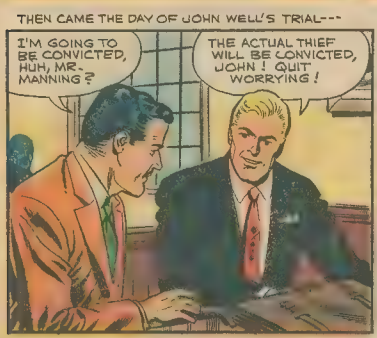
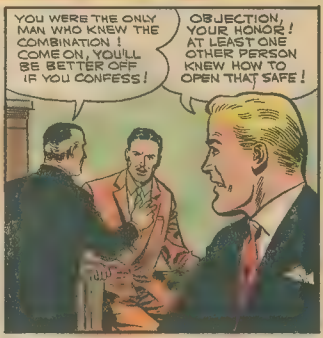
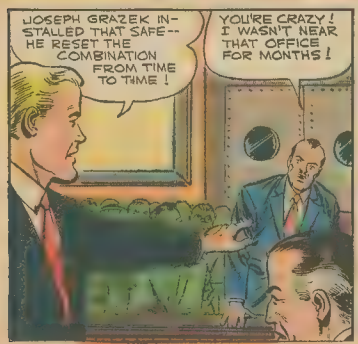
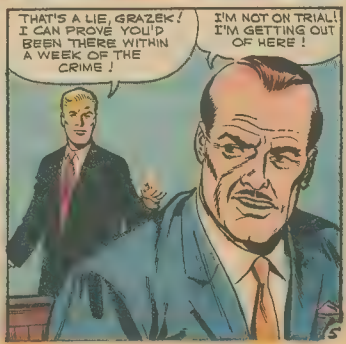



THEN CAME THE DAY OF JOHN WELL'S TRIAL---
I'M GOING TO BE CONVICTED, HUH, MR. MANNING?
THE ACTUAL THIEF WILL BE CONVICTED, JOHN! QUIT WORRYING!


YOU WERE THE ONLY MAN WHO KNEW THE COMBINATION! COME ON, YOU'LL BE BETTER OFF IF YOU CONFESS!
OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR! AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON KNEW HOW TO OPEN THAT SAFE!


JOSEPH GRAZEK INSTALLED THAT SAFE-- HE RESET THE COMBINATION FROM TIME TO TIME!
YOU'RE CRAZY! I WASN'T NEAR THAT OFFICE FOR MONTHS!



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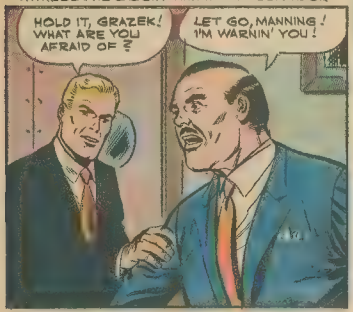
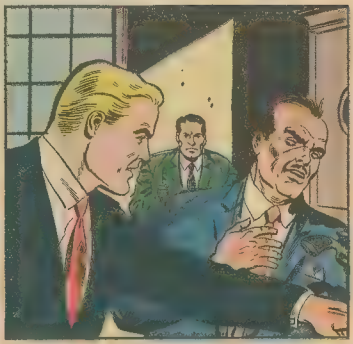
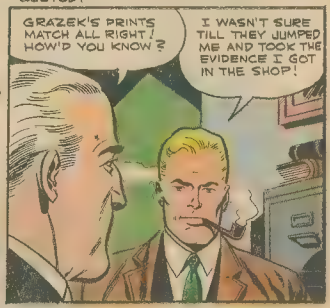
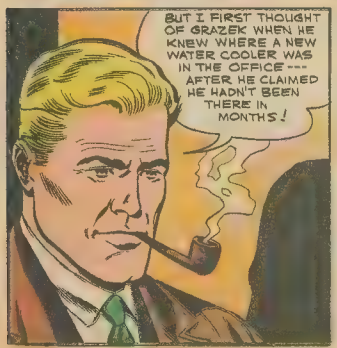
THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WENT AFTER THE WITNESS! HE CAUGHT HIM IN THE CORRIDOR--

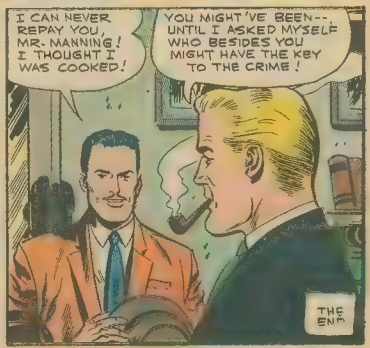




THE POLICE TOOK THE BROTHERS INTO CUSTODY----




BUT I FIRST THOUGHT OF GRAZEK WHEN HE KNEW WHERE A NEW WATER COOLER WAS IN THE OFFICE --- AFTER HE CLAIMED HE HADN'T BEEN THERE IN MONTHS!


I CAN NEVER REPAY YOU, MR. MANNING! I THOUGHT I WAS COOKED!
YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN-- UNTIL I ASKED MYSELF WHO BESIDES YOU MIGHT HAVE THE KEY TO THE CRIME!
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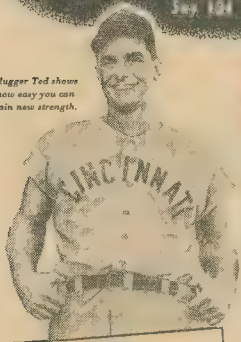
WE'LL RIPPLE YOUR BODY WITH MUSCLES and LOAD T-N-T IN YOUR FISTS

Say JOE LOUIS and TED KLUSZEWSKI



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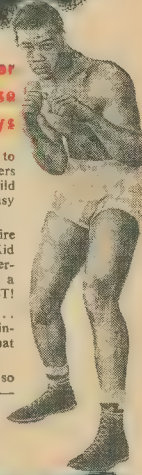

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"HOT COLD CUTS"

"Every summer, my cousin Stephen and his family go to Lake George," said Detective Al Norton of Special Sqad to his buddy, Ben Egan. "They get a camp site free for six weeks. He has two large tents. The children love it very much. They cook in the outdoors. If they go fishing in the morning then they have fish for supper. Provided they catch fish. Their two boys are very smart. One collects all the soda pop bottles on the island. He brings them to the village and gets the deposit money. He even gets some money from the people for picking up the bottles. Thus he removes the danger of broken glass and injured feet. Smart kid.

The other one also has a head for making money. He gets up early in the morning and picks berries. Then he sells the fresh berries to the wives so they can bake pies. Stephen told me he didn't have to give the children any allowance when they were away last summer. In fact, they offered to lend him some money when he was short. One of the boys wants to buy a washing machine. Says he will go into the laundry business next summer. Both are saving their money. They want to go to college."

"Smart kids," remarked Detective Ben Egan. "Makes you sort of proud to know them, I guess. Only one thing bothers me. When you go on a vacation, why work? However a lot of parents feel if you keep children busy doing what is good, that keeps them out of mischief. I think it is swell when children can look ahead and plan for a college education. That cousin Stephen must be a smart dad."

The phone rang and Al Norton answered it. No need to continue on the topic of Stephen and his children.

"Chief Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Says he just got a phone call about a burglary. Come on! We can't keep the chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignment. The door to his office was open and they walked in.

"Where did the burglary take place, chief?" asked Detective Al Norton. "Is this a special request assignment?"

"At Prouton's Delicatessen Store," said Chief Mirkus. "Located at 367 Pinehurst Avenue. Run by a Herman Louis Prouton. Says he knows you. Wants you to come at once."

"I remember him," replied Al Norton. "He specializes in cold cuts for parties. Last year we had a birthday party. He sold us the stuff. They say he is famous for his cheese. Makes a special kind of cheese himself. O.K. chief, we're on our way there."

Twenty minutes later the squad car pulled up to the curb. The two detectives entered the store. A stout man wearing a white apron greeted them.

"Hello, Detectives Al Norton and Ben Egan. I have a good memory, eh? Let me show you what happened."

He took the two detectives to the back of the store and pointed to a door.

"They forced it opened. Guess I was negligent in having one of those old locks. But I never figured anyone would try to get into the store. I just called up the locksmith. He'll be here by noon. He's going to fix up the door. I know the old saying about locking the stable door after the horse is stolen. If you come back to the counter with me, I'll show you just what was taken."

The two detectives retraced their steps to the front of the store. Mr. Prouton pointed to an open paper box.

"I keep a few dollars in extra cash in this money box. Had twenty-six dollars in single bills. That's all the money missing. But the burglar helped himself to cold cuts. Look at my slicing machine. He took about two pounds of ham, a pound of bologna, a pound of liverwurst, some corned beef, at least two pounds of imported swiss cheese, and pickles."

Mr. Prouton stopped talking for a minute. His eyes were focused on a small piece of cheese. He lifted it and examined the cheese carefully.

"This burglar certainly wasn't a cheese expert," he continued speaking. "He took a bite out of my special cheese. The one I made. But he didn't cut up any of it. Look at the cheese. You can see his teeth marks."

Detective Al Norton took the cheese and examined it. Then he smiled.

"What's so funny about the cheese?" asked his buddy.

"The fellow who bit this cheese has a tooth missing," replied Al Norton. "Suppose we take it down headquarters and turn it over to Sam Raines in the laboratory. See what he can find."

About three hours later, the two detectives and Sam Raines were in the laboratory. Dr. William Gove, a local dentist, had been called on the phone and asked if he would help the department with his services. He answered in the affirmative and hence was now talking to the three men. On the table was a plastic impression mould made from the cheese and showing teeth impressions.

"The upper right front tooth is missing," began the dentist. "Chips are missing from the teeth on each side. The person is a man. Probably in the twenties. Small mouth. Offhand I would say the person is also thin."

"Could we send this description to local dentists and ask them to check through their files?" asked Al Norton.

"You could," replied Dr. Grove," but I doubt it would do much good. The chances are that this man has not been in dental offices. So that's as far as I can help you."

"Thanks a lot," replied Ben Egan. "We'll check the mug books and parol lists and see if we can spot anyone that matches the description."

By nightfall the two detectives had come up with a blank. They were tired. Suddenly Ben Egan opened his mouth and his eyes showed amazement.

"Al, we can crack this case easily," he remarked. "The obvious just dawned upon me. What is the burglar going to do with all those cold cuts? Only two possible sensible answers. Either he is going to eat all the stuff himself. Or throw a party. Let's canvas the neighborhood. We want to find out if somebody knows a fellow with a tooth missing who is going to have a party tonight or tomorrow."

Pete Perrelli ran a small fruit and vegetable store in the vicinity of the delicatessen store. He had been in the same location for the past fifteen years. The detectives paid him a visit.

"Your description sort of hits the bell," he told the two men. But I just can't place him definitely for you. Must be a newcomer around here. I saw this fellow. How would I remember him? When he opened his mouth I saw that missing tooth. No excuse today for having a missing tooth. He could have a bridge put in by a dentist. Go pay a visit to Hank. He's the old man who runs the newsstand down the corner. He ought to be able to help you."

The old man at the newsstand was most cooperative. He had some valuable information to give.

"That fellow is around here. I don't know his name. But he knows Joe Carling who works in the launary, the store right across the street. Joe is there now."

Joe Carling was a big husky fellow. He didn't bat an eye when he looked at the identifaction of the two detectives.

"Whatever it is that Slim Sutton is mixed up with, I'm clean. I want nothing to do with that guy. He's throwing a party tonight. Invited me. I turned him down flat. Always talks big. He moved in the neighborhood about five months ago. He has a furnished two room flat. Sure, I can tell you where. Brownstone house. Corner of Fifth Street. Mrs. Lynch runs the place. I can spot a faker and four-flusher any time. That fits Slim. He borrowed a five spot from me and never paid it back."

The main door to the brownstone house was open. The two detectives walked in and saw a woman arguing with a man.

"You are not going to hold another party in your apartment and create a disturbance," shouted the woman. "You can move at the end of the week."

"I won't," snapped back the man showing a missing tooth as he talked.

"I think you will," interrupted Detective Al Norton.

"You stay out of this," warned the man.

When he saw their badges he turned pale. The three men then went to his apartment. On a table was an assortment of cold cuts.

"I bought the stuff," he weakly whined. "Believe me."

"We don't," replied Ben Egan. "Come with us to headquarters."

An hour later he made a full confession. He was still puzzled.

"What a fool I must have been," he admitted. "My first job and my last."

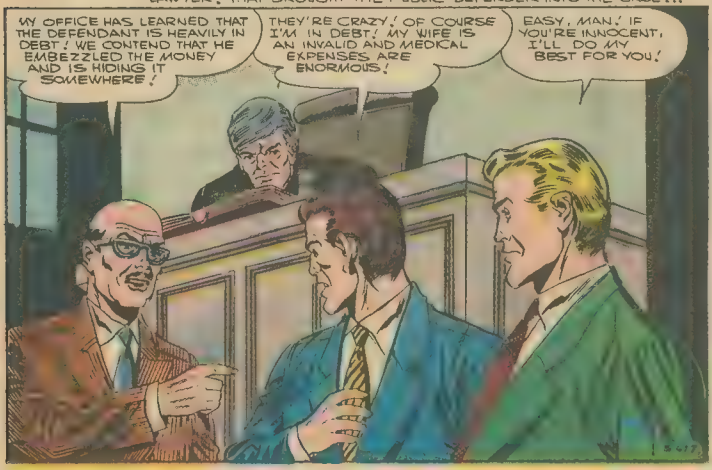
"Not your last job," corrected Detective Al Norton. "Your next job will be inside the state penitentiary. And they serve you cold cuts once a week.

THE END

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

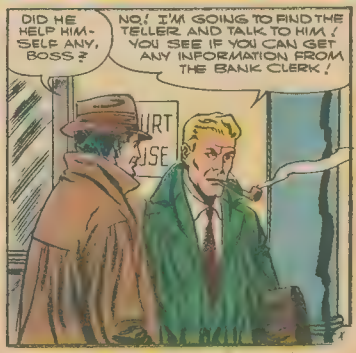
IN PERJURED WITNESS!

WHEN THE BANK EXAMINERS ARRIVED AT THE MIDDLETON TRUST COMPANY, THEY FOUND CONFUSED BOOKS AND AN EVEN MORE CONFUSED VICE PRESIDENT. WHEN THEY POINTED OUT DISCREPANCIES TO AMOS BURTON, HE PANICKED, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SECURED AN INDICTMENT EASILY. THEN BURTON CONFESSED THAT, DESPITE HIS TITLE, HE COULDN'T AFFORD A LAWYER! THAT BROUGHT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER INTO THE CASE...


MY OFFICE HAS LEARNED THAT THE DEFENDANT IS HEAVILY IN DEBT! WE CONTEND THAT HE EMBEZZLED THE MONEY AND IS HIDING IT SOMEWHERE!
THEY'RE CRAZY! OF COURSE I'M IN DEBT! MY WIFE IS AN INVALID AND MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE ENORMOUS!
EASY, MAN! IF YOU'RE INNOCENT, I'LL DO MY BEST FOR YOU!

RICHARD MANNING QUESTIONED BURTON IN HIS CELL LATER! THERE WAS LITTLE THAT BURTON COULD TELL HIM!

I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THOSE BOOKS! THE CLERK AND THE TELLER, FRANK BRYANT COULD TELL YOU MORE THAN I!
ALL RIGHT, BURTON -- I'LL TALK TO THEM!


DID HE HELP HIMSELF ANY, BOSS?
NO! I'M GOING TO FIND THE TELLER AND TALK TO HIM! YOU SEE IF YOU CAN GET ANY INFORMATION FROM THE BANK CLERK!

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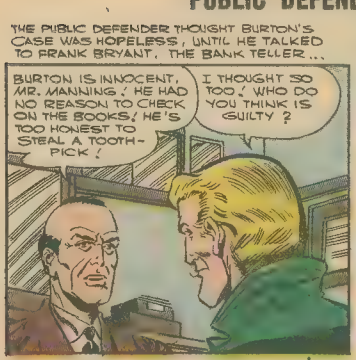
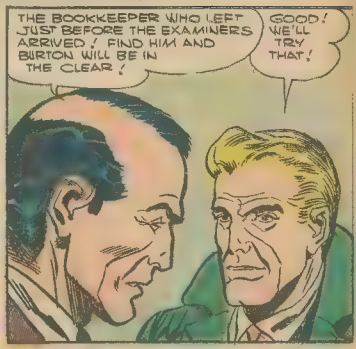
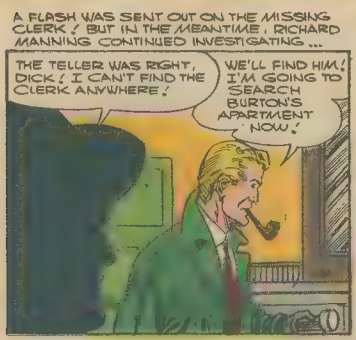
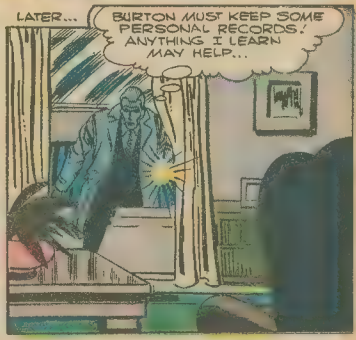
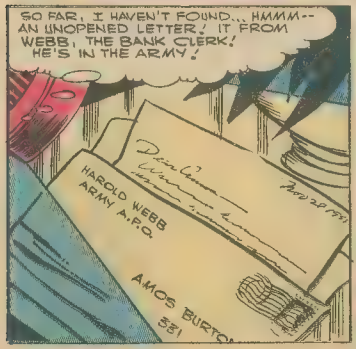

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER THOUGHT BURTON'S CASE WAS HOPELESS, UNTIL HE TALKED TO FRANK BRYANT, THE BANK TELLER...
BURTON IS INNOCENT, MR. MANNING! HE HAD NO REASON TO CHECK ON THE BOOKS! HE'S TOO HONEST TO STEAL A TOOTH-PICK!
I THOUGHT SO TOO! WHO DO YOU THINK IS GUILTY?




A FLASH WAS SENT OUT ON THE MISSING CLERK! BUT IN THE MEANTIME, RICHARD MANNING CONTINUED INVESTIGATING...
THE TELLER WAS RIGHT, DICK! I CAN'T FIND THE CLERK ANYWHERE!
WE'LL FIND HIM! I'M GOING TO SEARCH BURTON'S APARTMENT NOW!





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LATER...
OHH... MY HEAD! I GUESS SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT ME PROWLING AROUND HERE! IT CAN'T BE BURTON--HE'S IN JAIL!
BACK AT THE OFFICE...
I'LL CHECK WITH THE ARMY, BOSS! ARE YOU GOING TO DELAY THE TRIAL?
NO, BRYANT WILL BE OUR FIRST WITNESS! WE'LL KEEP HIM ON THE STAND WHILE YOU'RE LOCATING HAROLD WEBB!
THE TRIAL OF AMOS BURTON FOR THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF $65,000 WENT TO THE JURY THE FOLLOWING WEEK...
AND IN YOUR OPINION, MR. BRYANT, AMOS BURTON HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE FALSIFIED ACCOUNTS?
OF COURSE NOT! IT WAS WEBB! HE DISAPPEARED, DIDN'T HE--AND HE TOOK THE MONEY WITH HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU COVERING UP, BRYANT? YOUR TESTIMONY UNDER OATH IS FULL OF HOLES! YOU'RE HURTING BURTON, NOT HELPING HIM!
I THOUGHT I COULD HELP HIM! OKAY--I GUESS YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT MAN!
I KNEW BURTON WAS PLAYING THE PONIES, BUT HE TREATED ME RIGHT! I FIGURED I'D THROW THE BLAME ON WEBB AND HELP BURTON OUT!
HE'S LYING! I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO BET ON A HORSE RACE!

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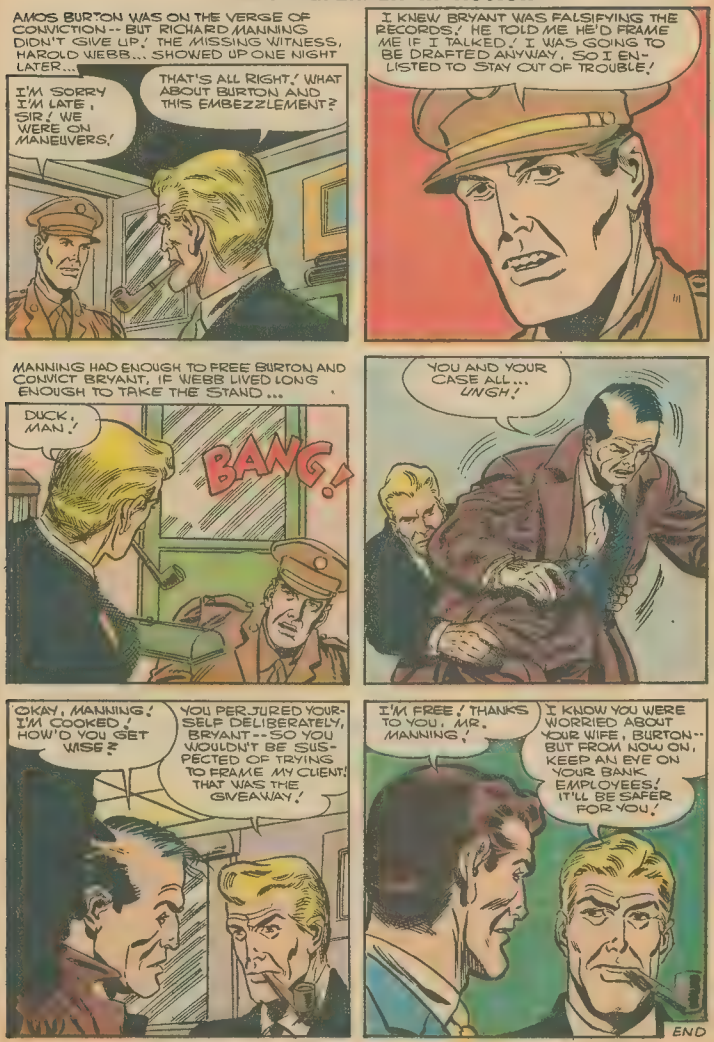
AMOS BURTON WAS ON THE VERGE OF CONVICTION -- BUT RICHARD MANNING DIDN'T GIVE UP. THE MISSING WITNESS, HAROLD WEBB... SHOWED UP ONE NIGHT LATER...
I'M SORRY I'M LATE, SIR! WE WERE ON MANEUVERS.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WHAT ABOUT BURTON AND THIS EMBEZZLEMENT?
I KNEW BRYANT WAS FALSIFYING THE RECORDS. HE TOLD ME HE'D FRAME ME IF I TALKED. I WAS GOING TO BE DRAFTED ANYWAY, SO I ENLISTED TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.
MANNING HAD ENOUGH TO FREE BURTON AND CONVICT BRYANT, IF WEBB LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO TAKE THE STAND...
DUCK, MAN!
BANG!
YOU AND YOUR CASE ALL... UNGH!
OKAY, MANNING! I'M COOKED! HOW'D YOU GET WISE?
YOU PERJURED YOURSELF DELIBERATELY, BRYANT -- SO YOU WOULDN'T BE SUSPECTED OF TRYING TO FRAME MY CLIENT. THAT WAS THE GIVEAWAY!
I'M FREE! THANKS TO YOU, MR. MANNING!
I KNOW YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR WIFE, BURTON -- BUT FROM NOW ON, KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR BANK EMPLOYEES! IT'LL BE SAFER FOR YOU!
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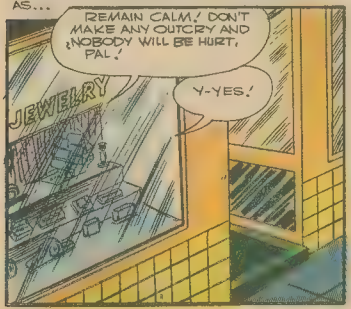
WHEN CRACK REPORTER JUDY JONES PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER IT ADDED UP TO SUDDEN DEATH! FOR WHEN THE CITY'S TOP JEWEL THIEVES HAD OUTWITTED LAW AND ORDER THEY WERE MIGHTY DETERMINED NOT TO FALL VICTIM TO...

10:15 A.M., AT THE TARTAN JEWERLY STORE ON FIFTH AND MAIN, CONFUSION REIGNS AS...



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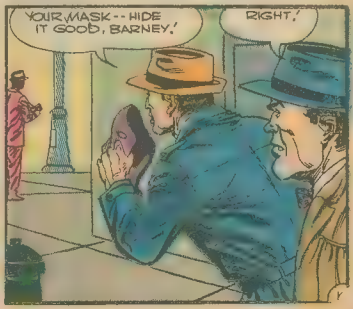

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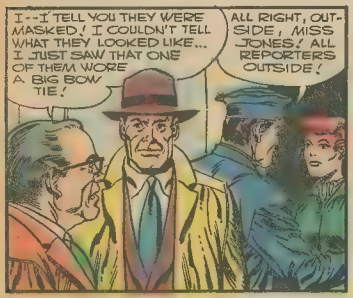
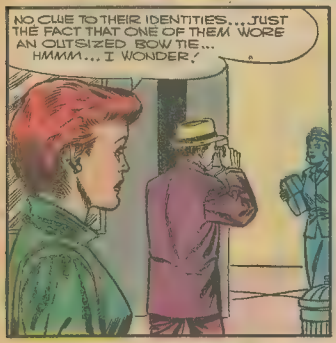
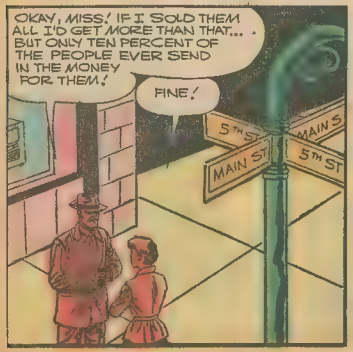

I--I TELL YOU THEY WERE MASKED! I COULDN'T TELL WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE... I JUST SAW THAT ONE OF THEM WORE A BIG BOW TIE!
ALL RIGHT, OUTSIDE, MISS JONES! ALL REPORTERS OUTSIDE!

BUT THIS IS NEWS, OFFICER! MOST LIKELY THOSE TWO THIEVES WERE THE NOTORIOUS PAIR THAT HAVE ROBBED A DOZEN STORES LATELY!
SURE, SURE! THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE WILL DECIDE, MISS JONES! THIS IS NO WORK FOR A POWDER PUFF REPORTER!




OKAY, MISS! IF I SOLD THEM ALL I'D GET MORE THAN THAT... BUT ONLY TEN PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE EVER SEND IN THE MONEY FOR THEM!
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THAT NIGHT, AS THE CRACK GIRL REPORTER DEVELOPS THE FILMS...

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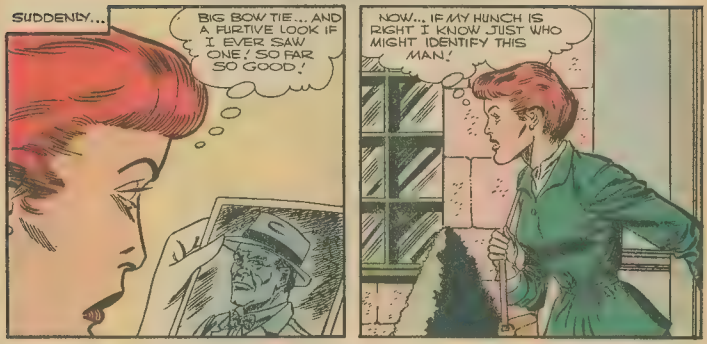
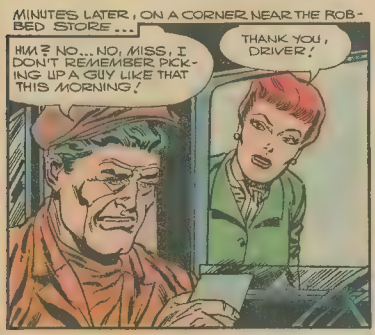
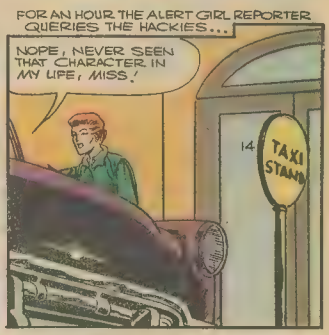
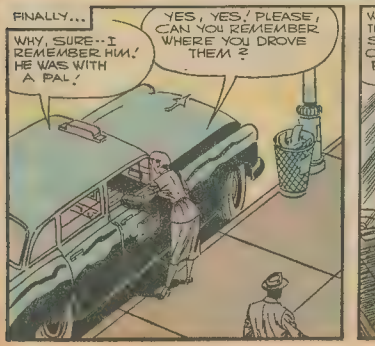
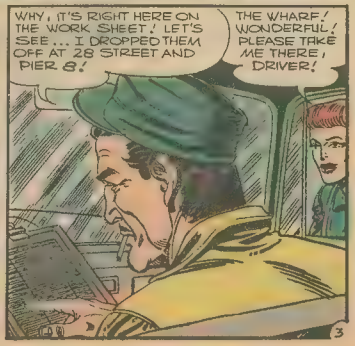

SUDDENLY...
BIG BOW TIE... AND A FURTIVE LOOK IF I EVER SAW ONE! SO FAR SO GOOD!
NOW... IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT I KNOW JUST WHO MIGHT IDENTIFY THIS MAN!


MINUTES LATER, ON A CORNER NEAR THE ROBBED STORE...
HIM? NO... NO, MISS, I DON'T REMEMBER PICKING UP A GUY LIKE THAT THIS MORNING!
THANK YOU, DRIVER!






WHY, IT'S RIGHT HERE ON THE WORK SHEET! LET'S SEE... I DROPPED THEM OFF AT 28 STREET AND PIER 8!
THE WHARF! WONDERFUL! PLEASE TAKE ME THERE, DRIVER!

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

LATER, AS THE BEAUTY OF THE PRESS ROOM COVERS THE WHARF AREA...
THEY MUST BE HIDING OUT IN THIS AREA SOMEWHERE... IF I'M PATIENT I'M BOUND TO GET A LOOK AT THE ONE IN THE PICTURE!
YOU'RE SURE OF IT, DANNY? YOU'RE SURE THAT GAL'S FROM THE NEWS-PAPER?
POSITIVE, BARNEY! I TELL YOU THAT'S JUDY JONES! SHE'S A HOT-SHOT REPORTER WHO POKES HER NOSE INTO EVERYTHING! SHE MUST HAVE A LEAD ON US!
IF THAT'S THE CASE--WE'D BETTER SQUASH THAT LEAD RIGHT NOW!
THE MAN WITH THE BOW TIE! I'VE FOUND HIM!
...OR MAYBE HE'S FOUND ME!
HOLD IT! WE'VE GOT A NEWS EXTRA FOR YOU, JONES!
BLAME TAKE IT! I'VE TIPPED MY HAND TO THEM! GOT TO HIDE!

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

LET'S NOT PLAY GAMES, REPORTER! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GETTING OUT OF HERE! NOW BE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL AND COME OUT!
I'M FINISHED IF THEY CATCH ME!
LOOK OUT!
WHA?
OHHHH! POWDER... FACE POWDER!
SOON AFTER, AS JUDY JONES SUMMONS THE LAW...
GREAT HANNAH, MISS JONES, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD US YOUR PLANS! Y-YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN KILLED!
OH, IT WASN'T DIFFICULT AT ALL! THAT BOX OF FACE POWDER SUBDUED THEM BOTH NICELY!
YOU SEE, SOMETIMES A POWDER PUFF REPORTER CAN BE USEFUL!
AW, CUT IT, MISS JONES, YOU WIN!
END

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

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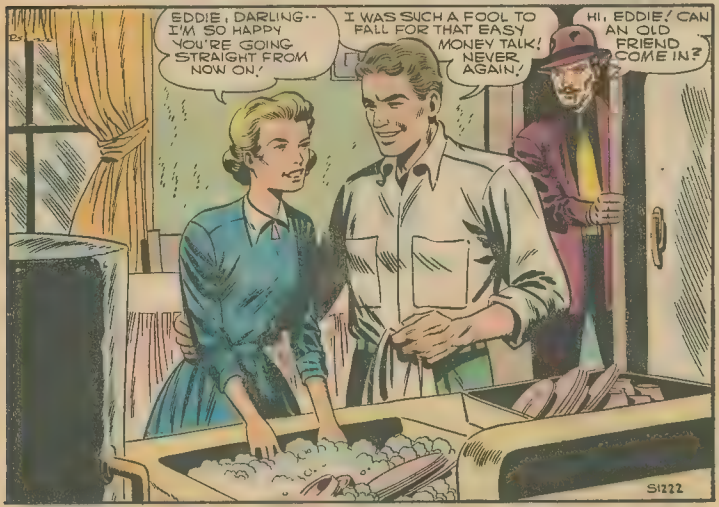
EDDIE, DARLING-- I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT FROM NOW ON!
I WAS SUCH A FOOL TO FALL FOR THAT EASY MONEY TALK! NEVER AGAIN!
HI, EDDIE! CAN AN OLD FRIEND COME IN?
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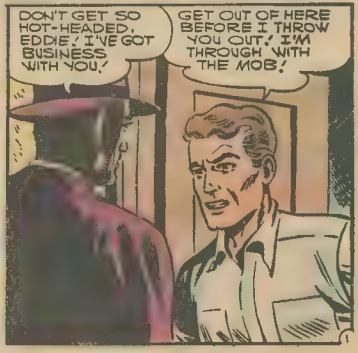

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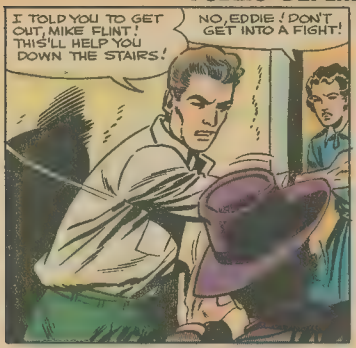
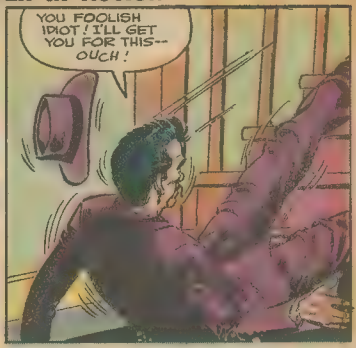
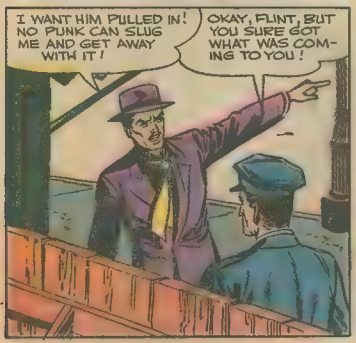
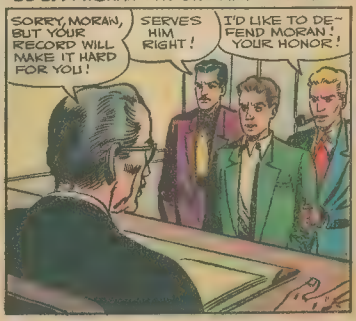
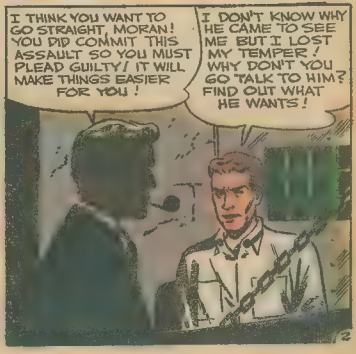






SO EDDY MORAN WAS BROUGHT INTO COURT.




I THINK YOU WANT TO GO STRAIGHT, MORAN! YOU DID COMMIT THIS ASSAULT SO YOU MUST PLEAD GUILTY! IT WILL MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR YOU!
I DON'T KNOW WHY HE CAME TO SEE ME BUT I LOST MY TEMPER! WHY DON'T YOU GO TALK TO HIM? FIND OUT WHAT HE WANTS!

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

WELL, MANNING? WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
I'D LIKE TO KNOW JUST WHAT YOU WANT WITH EDDIE MORAN! WHY DID YOU BOTHER HIM?
I JUST WANTED HIM TO ANSWER A QUESTION. IF HE'LL ANSWER IT NOW, I WON'T PRESS CHARGES! MIKE FLINT DON'T HOLD GRUDGES!
WHAT'S THE QUESTION, FLINT?
I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHERE HE DEPOSITED THE BAYVILLE PROCEEDS, THAT'S ALL!
THE BAYVILLE PROCEEDS? WHAT'S THAT?
JUST ASK HIM! HE'LL KNOW!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY IT!
BAYVILLE, EH? I DROVE THE GETAWAY CAR ON A BANK STICKUP THERE-- HEY! WHEN I WAS IN THE PEN, BOLTON, A CON WHO'D BEEN ON THAT JOB WAS YELLING ABOUT BAYVILLE, TOO! BUT I NEVER GOT ANY PART OF THE LOOT! I WAS PICKED UP THE NEXT DAY!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT TO DO. I'LL GET YOU OUT FOR A DAY AND THEN THE FUN'LL BEGIN!
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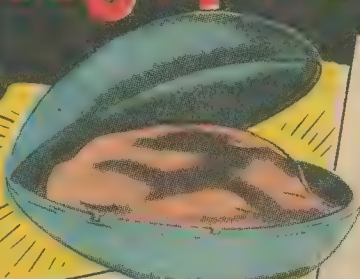

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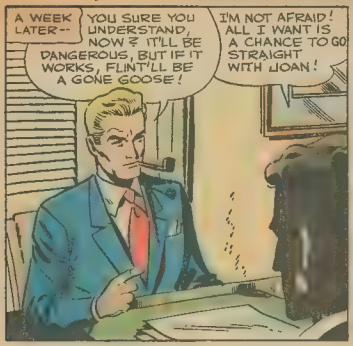
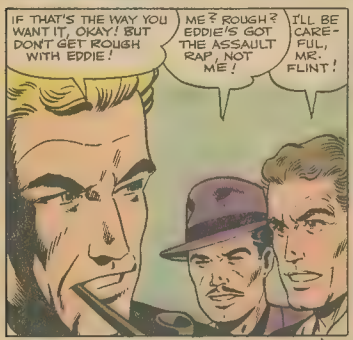
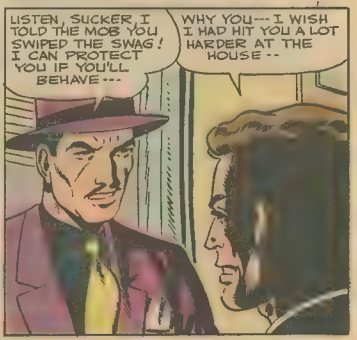

A WEEK LATER--
YOU SURE YOU UNDERSTAND, NOW? IT'LL BE DANGEROUS, BUT IF IT WORKS, FLINT'LL BE A GONE GOOSE!
I'M NOT AFRAID! ALL I WANT IS A CHANCE TO GO STRAIGHT WITH JOAN!

COME IN, FLINT! EDDIE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT BAYVILLE!
HE'S GETTING SMART, NOW! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE THE OFFICE!


IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, OKAY! BUT DON'T GET ROUGH WITH EDDIE!
ME? ROUGH? EDDIE'S GOT THE ASSAULT RAP, NOT ME!
I'LL BE CAREFUL, MR. FLINT!


LISTEN, SUCKER, I TOLD THE MOB YOU SWIPED THE SWAG! I CAN PROTECT YOU IF YOU'LL BEHAVE---
WHY YOU--- I WISH I HAD HIT YOU A LOT HARDER AT THE HOUSE--

ATTABOY, WISEGUY! EVERYBODY HEARD YOU HOLLER, SO I CAN GET YOU NOW AND WALK OUT ON A SELF DEFENSE PLEA!
I THINK I'LL KNOCK YOU AROUND, RIGHT NOW, YOU RAT!

BETTER PRAY, MORAN BECAUSE I CAN'T MISS, NOW!

THAT'LL DO IT, FLINT! NOW WE CAN TAKE YOU IN FOR BAYVILLE!
WHAT THE...
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A THING, MANNING! IT'S JUST THAT CON'S WORD AGAINST MINE!
THERE'S SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN YET, BOLTON, COME IN!
BOLTON! HOW DID YOU GET HERE? YOU'RE DOING A TEN YEAR RAP!
THAT'S RIGHT! -- BUT MANNING HAD ME BROUGHT HERE SO I COULD GET A LOAD OF THE DOUBLE-CROSS YOU'VE BEEN PULLING! I WAS SITTING OUTSIDE AND I'LL CORROBORATE EDDIE'S STORY!
DON'T TURN ME IN! THEY'LL GET ME AT THE PEN! PLEASE...
WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL KINDS OF PROTECTION, BUT YOU'RE SERVING YOUR TIME AFTER THE TRIAL!
YOU'LL MAKE A GOOD CITIZEN, NOW, EDDIE! IT TOOK COURAGE TO DO WHAT YOU JUST DID!
MR. MANNING, I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR GIVING ME THIS CHANCE TO START OVER AGAIN AFTER I ALMOST BLEW IT BY LOSING MY TEMPER!
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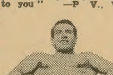

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